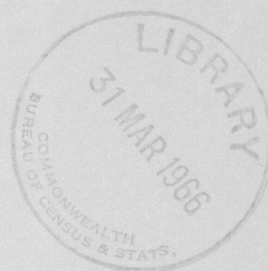


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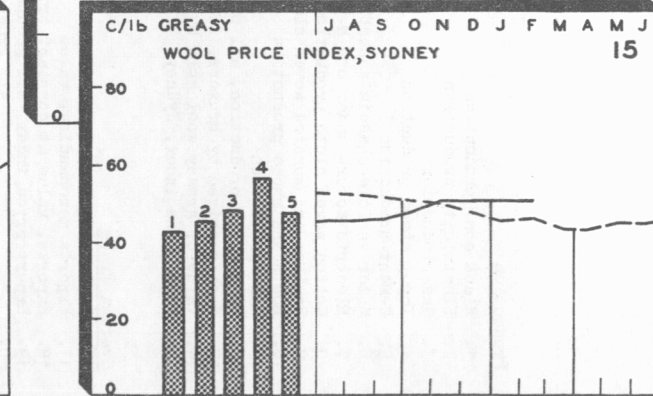
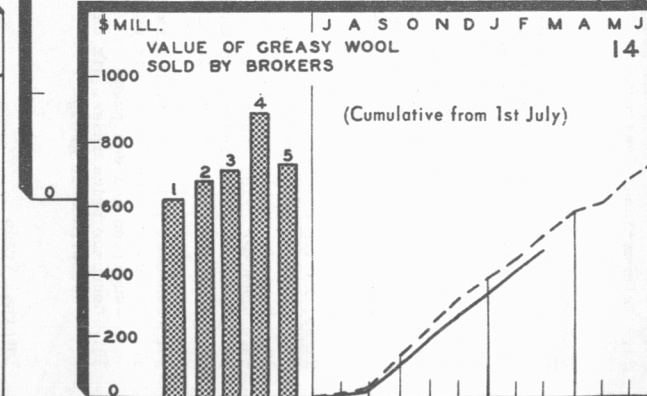
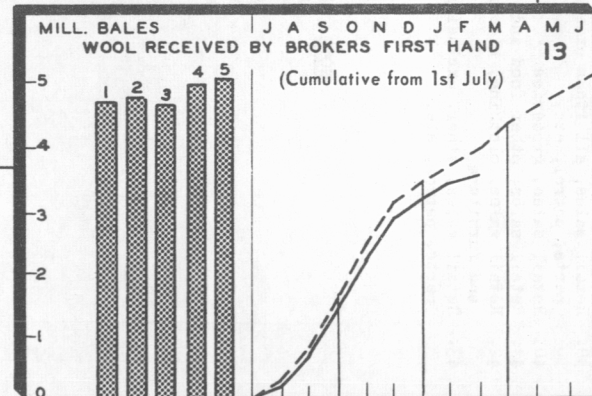
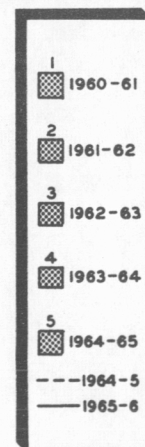
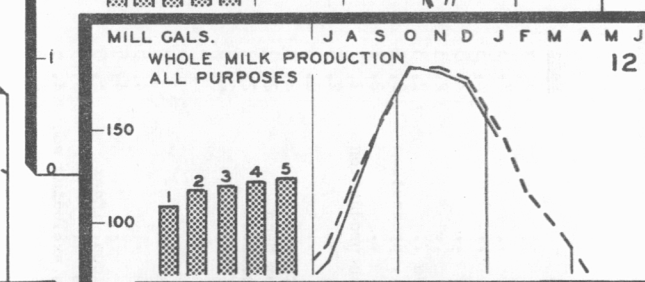
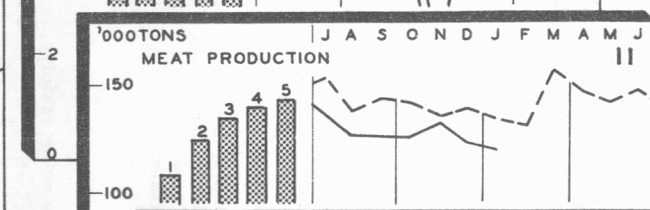
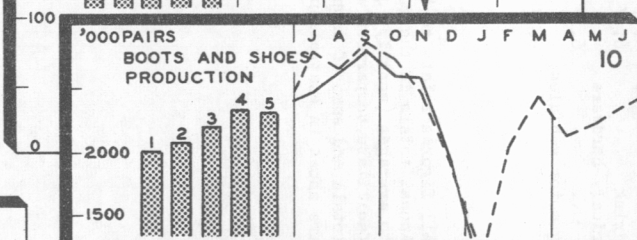
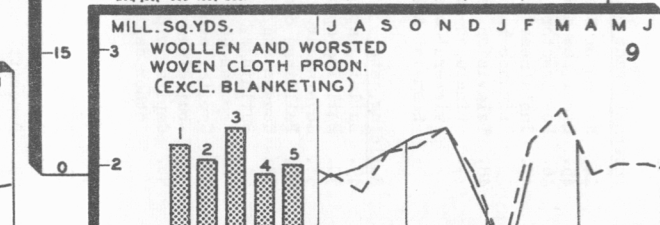
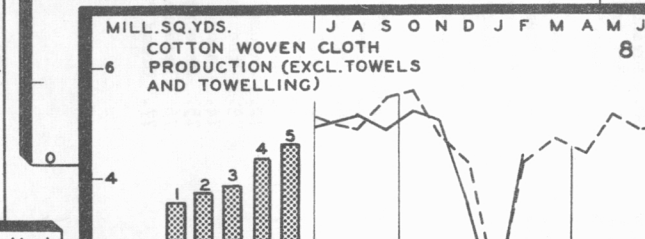
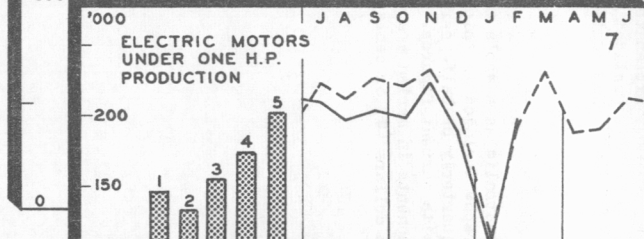
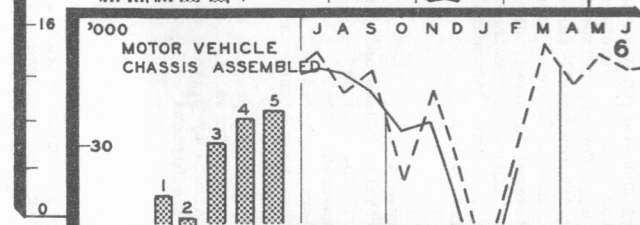
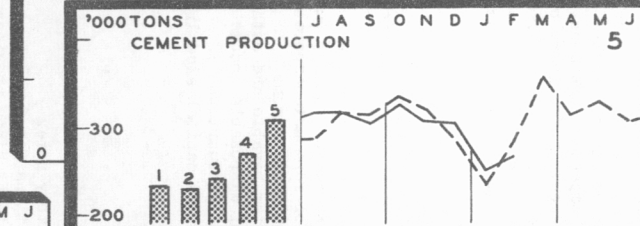
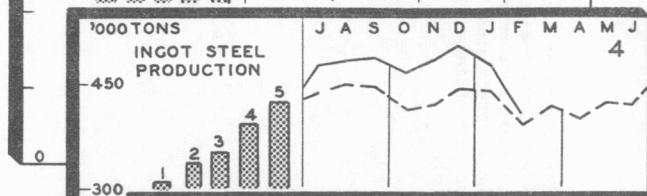
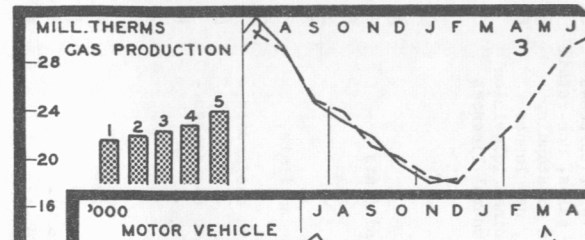
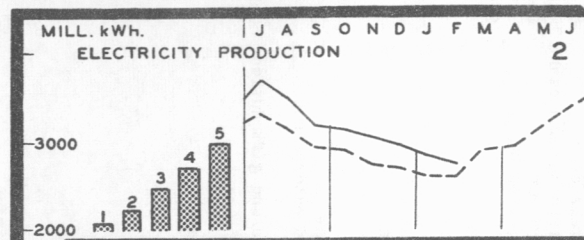
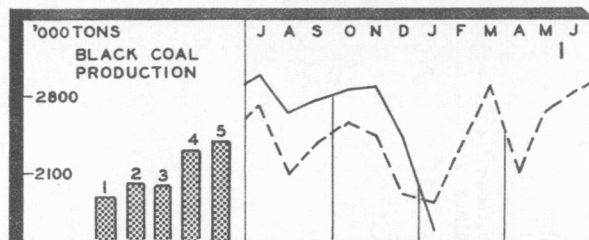
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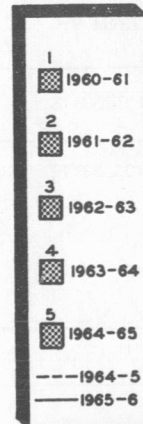
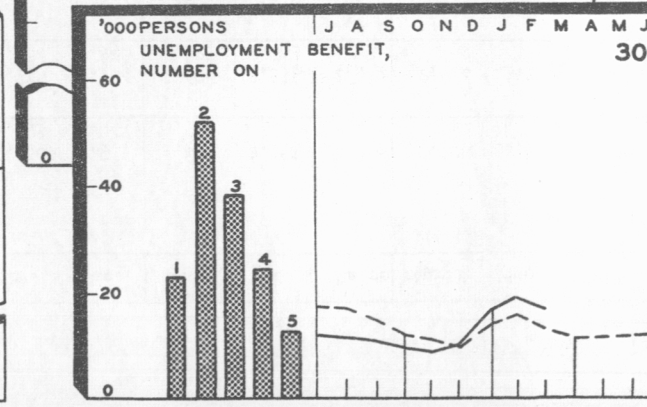
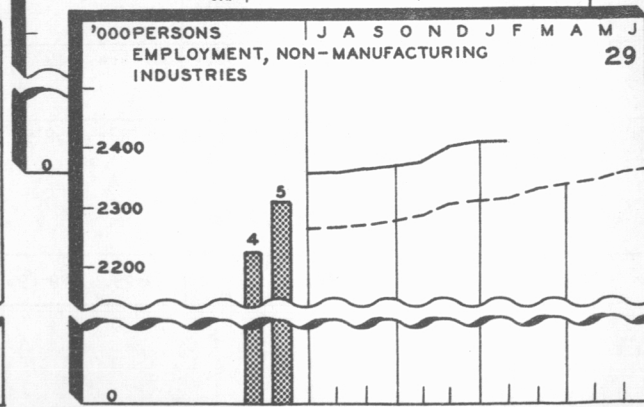
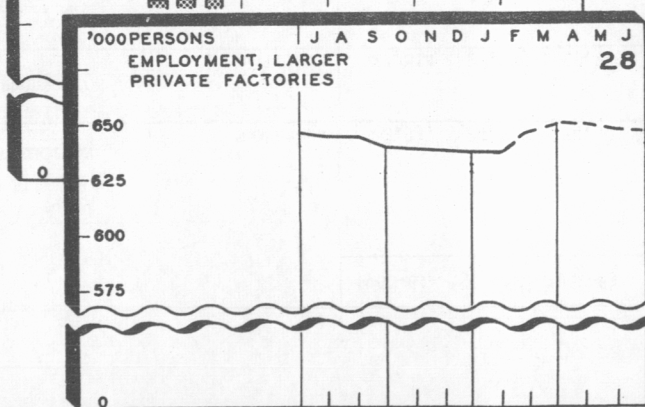
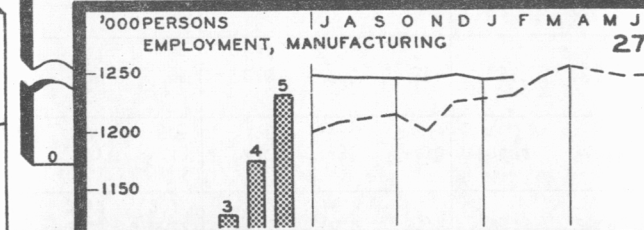
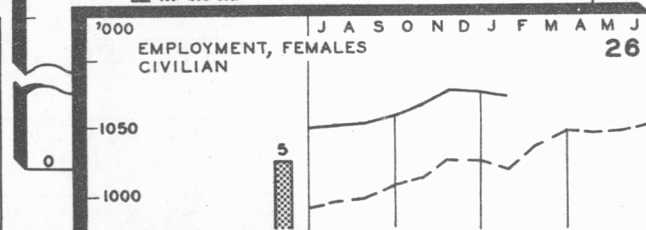
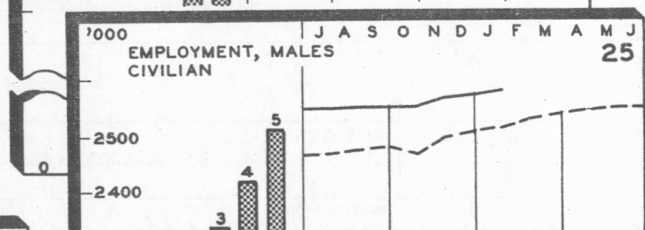
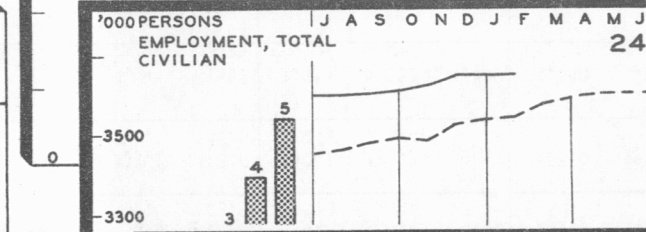
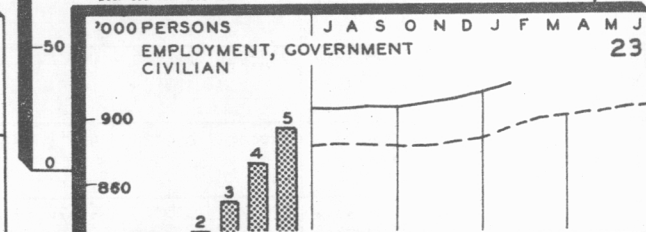
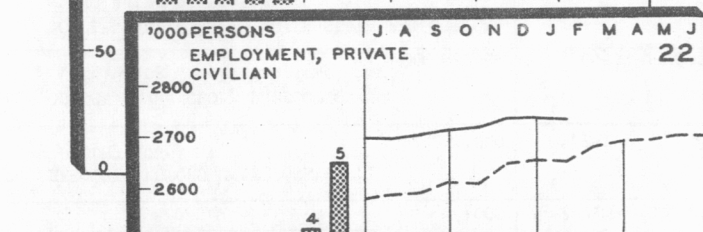
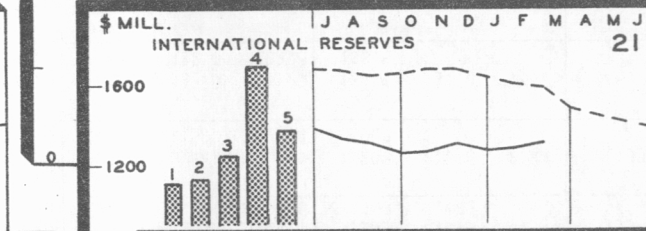
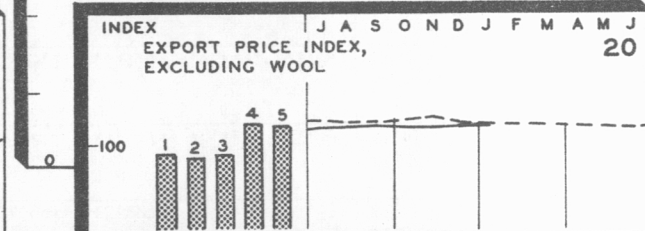
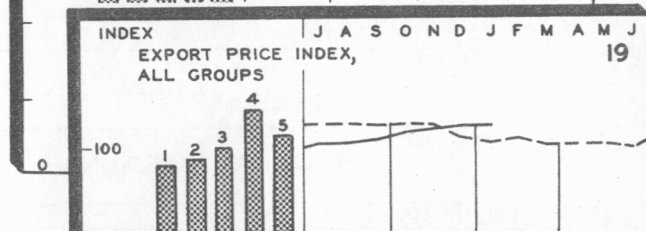
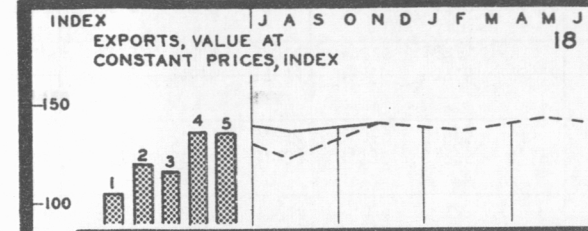
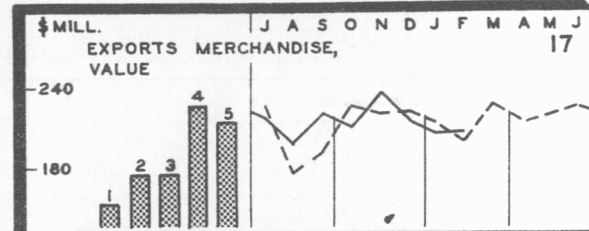
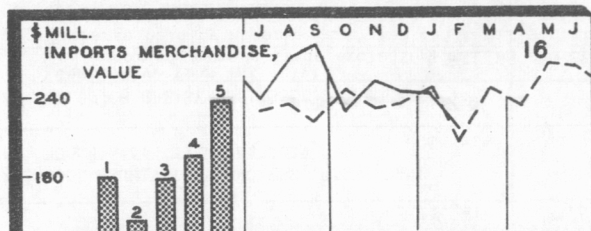


		1960-61	1961-62	1962-63	1963-64	1964-65		July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	March	April	May	June
PRODUCTION, ETC.																			
1. BLACK COAL PRODUCTION	'000 tons	22,947	24,427	24,301	26,856	*28,899	*1964-65 *1965-66	2,730 2,991	2,113 2,656	2,388 2,774	2,570 2,862	2,450 2,893	1,917 2,447	1,841 1,594	2,361	2,916	2,100	2,671	2,842
2. ELECTRICITY PRODUCTION	mill.kWh	24,814	26,275	29,279	32,519	*35,390	*1964-65 *1965-66	3,307 3,674	3,164 3,484	2,938 3,165	2,899 3,118	2,745 3,054	2,704 2,948	2,608 2,827	2,599 2,743	2,914	2,936	3,204	3,373
3. GAS PRODUCTION	mill.therms	263.6	264.1	272.7	282.6	*289.5	*1964-65 *1965-66	30.8 31.9	29.3 29.6	25.3 25.2	24.2 23.5	21.4 22.2	20.4 20.0	18.7 18.2	18.2 18.4	21.2	23.3	26.9	29.8
4. INGOT STEEL PRODUCTION (a)	'000 tons	3,748	4,076	4,260	4,764	*5,121	*1964-65 *1965-66	439 477	450 485	447 488	415 464	421 484	443 505	440 475	395 410	418	404	428	425
5. CEMENT PRODUCTION	'000 tons	2,860	2,783	2,942	3,320	*3,741	*1964-65 *1965-66	293 321	321 321	320 307	340 330	325 311	295 306	240 254	288 276	359	317	333	310
6. MOTOR VEHICLE CHASSIS ASSEMBLED	'000	292.8	256.1	365.5	400.7	413.7	*1964-65 *1965-66	41.1 39.2	36.2 38.3	39.0 36.5	26.3 31.6	36.3 32.8	28.4 23.9	16.1 11.4	31.0 27.4	41.8	37.6	40.8	39.1
7. ELECTRIC MOTORS UNDER ONE H.P., PRODUCTION	'000	1,751	1,618	1,846	2,110	*2,444	*1964-65 *1965-66	223.7 209.6	212.8 196.3	226.4 204.0	221.5 199.0	233.2 223.1	198.6 188.6	110.7 104.3	193.3 196.4	230.7	188.0	191.1	213.7
8. COTTON WOVEN CLOTH PRODUCTION (excluding Towels and Towelling)	'000 sq.yds	43,695	45,627	47,088	53,354	*56,204	*1964-65 *1965-66	5,078 5,078	4,942 5,213	5,528 4,907	5,648 5,250	4,846 5,100	4,357 3,565	1,914 2,037	4,353 4,393	4,829	4,540	5,237	4,932
9. WOOLLEN AND WORSTED WOVEN CLOTH PRODUCTION (excluding Blanketing)	'000 sq.yds	26,466	24,991	28,227	23,714	*24,631	*1964-65 *1965-66	1,983 1,957	1,815 2,014	2,142 2,143	2,195 2,279	2,344 2,346	1,974 2,182	1,343 1,159	2,273 2,043	2,516	1,950	2,034	2,062
10. BOOTS AND SHOES PRODUCTION	'000 pairs	24,307	25,214	26,687	28,239	*27,898	*1964-65 *1965-66	2,815 2,505	2,677 2,658	2,887 2,858	2,723 2,606	2,443 2,590	1,914 2,193	1,206 968	2,056	2,447	2,135	2,234	2,361
11. MEAT PRODUCTION	'000 tons	1,314.5	1,498.2	1,621.8	1,682.5	*1,712.1	*1964-65 *1965-66	153.1 136.7	138.5 127.7	143.6 127.2	141.6 126.5	135.8 132.0	139.5 123.8	134.6 120.5	131.4	156.8	146.7	142.8	147.7
12. WHOLE MILK PRODUCTION, ALL PURPOSES	mill.gals	1,339	1,444	1,468	1,496	*1,509	*1964-65 *1965-66	91.7 82.5	124.3 120.0	158.4 158.9	187.3 188.1	187.0 183.5	178.3 177.4	153.4 150.2	117.6	100.5	75.1	68.4	66.6
13. WOOL RECEIVED BY BROKERS, FIRST HAND Cumulative from 1st July	'000 bales	4,715	4,798	4,693	4,996	5,090	1964-65 1965-66	317 292	896 749	1,704 1,521	2,474 2,256	3,148 2,907	3,533 3,214	3,730 3,369	3,979 3,585	4,394	4,669	4,912	5,090
14. VALUE OF GREASY WOOL SOLD BY BROKERS Cumulative from 1st July	\$ mill.	622.8	671.8	715.0	890.0	735.6	1964-65 1965-66	21.6 21.0	47.4 47.4	142.0 124.0	229.2 192.6	318.8 264.4	376.4 329.4	433.6 394.1	507.8 465.4	585.4	605.0	679.2	735.6
15. WOOL PRICE INDEX, SYDNEY	cents per lb.greasy	42.9	45.1	48.6	56.7	48.0	1964-65 1965-66	53.0 46.0	53.0 46.0	52.0 47.0	51.0 49.0	50.0 51.0	48.0 51.0	46.0 *51.0	47.0 *51.0	44.0	44.0	45.0	45.0

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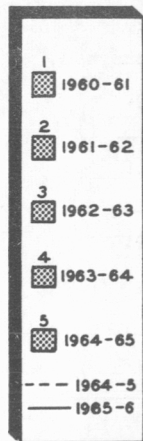
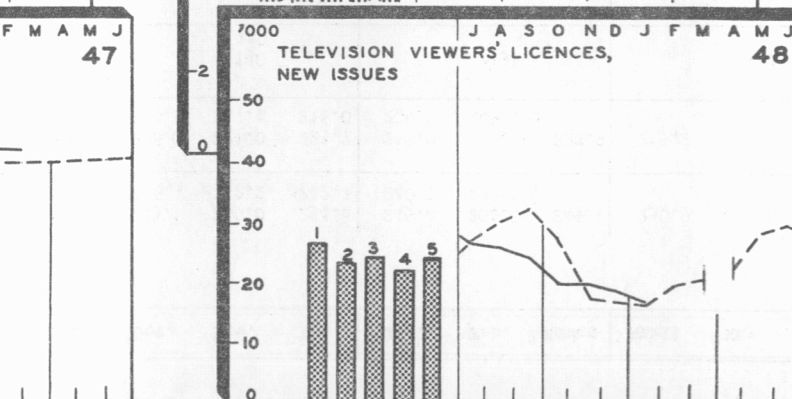
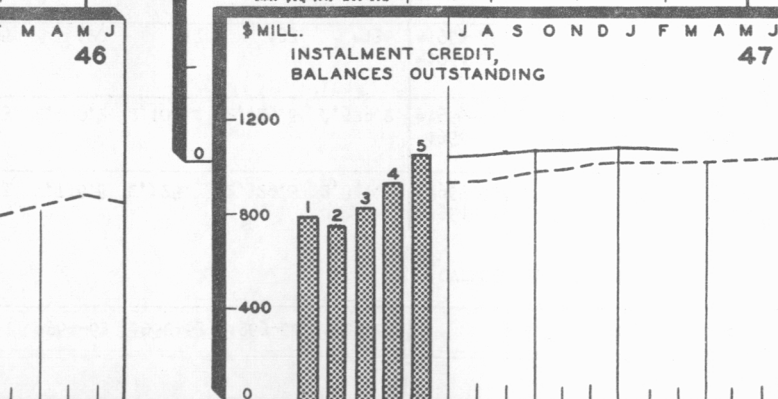
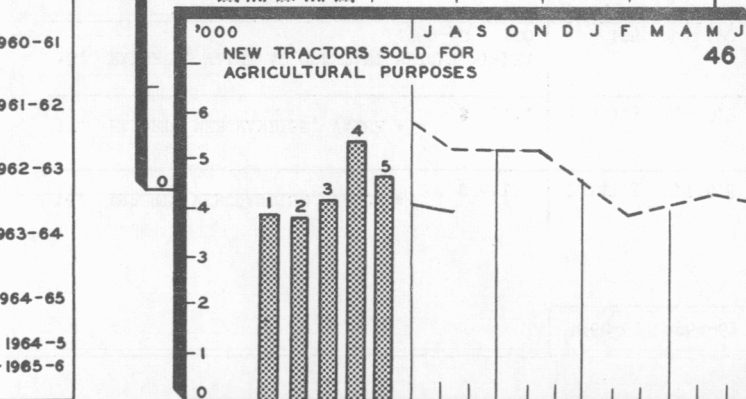
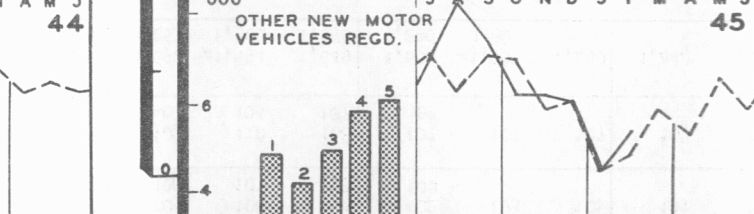
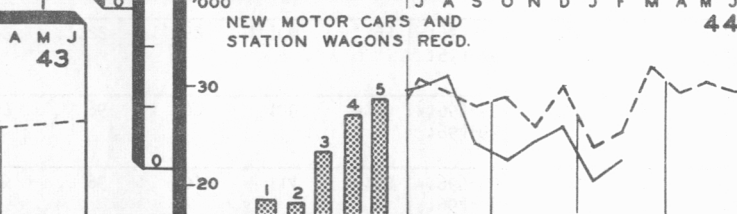
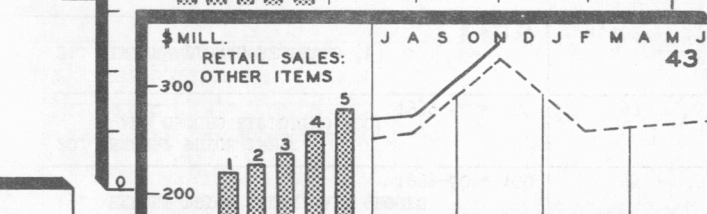
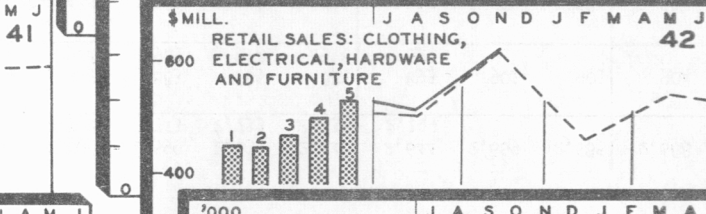
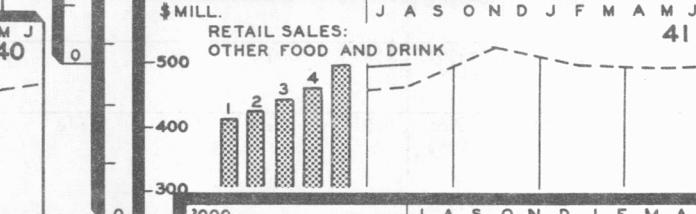
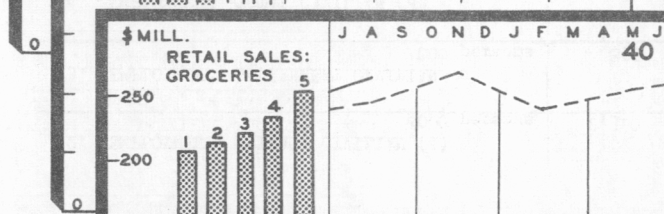
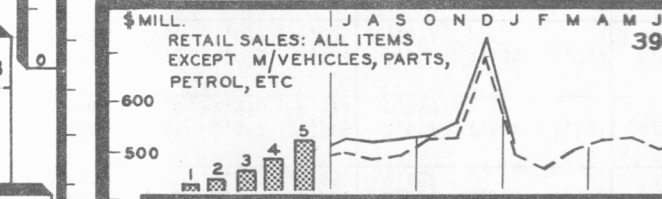
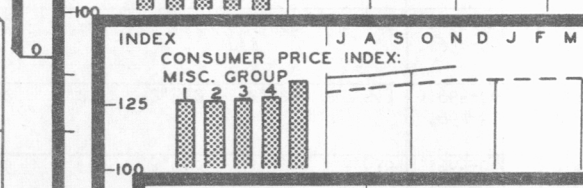
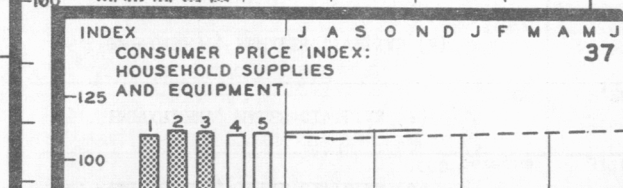
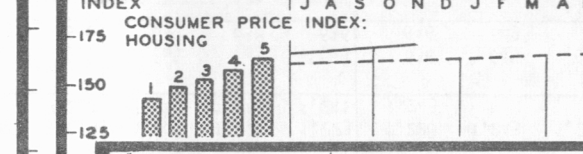
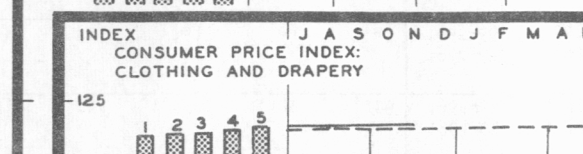
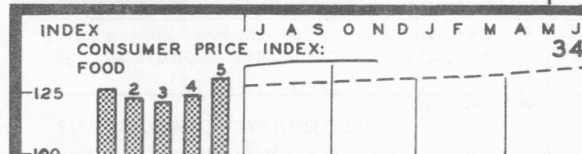
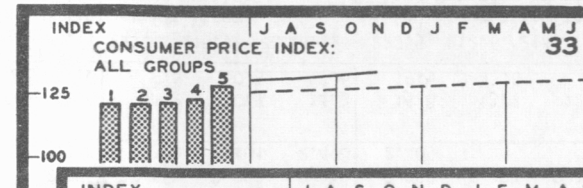
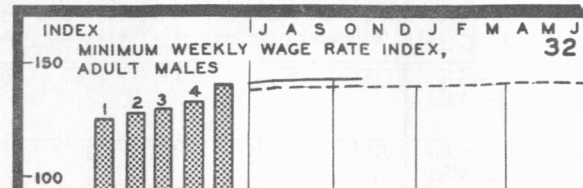
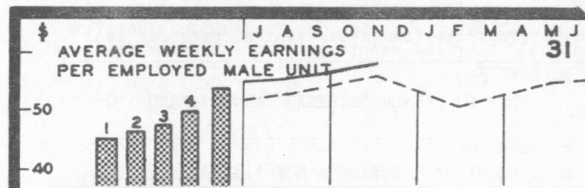
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						1960-61	1961-62	1962-63	1963-64	1964-65												
OVERSEA TRADE																						
16.	IMPORTS MERCHANDISE, VALUE +	\$ mill	2,147.3	1,738.8	2,128.3	2,329.6	2,841.3	1964-65 *1965-66	228.2 237.3	234.0 270.7	220.2 279.4	243.1 226.1	230.0 252.2	234.8 242.7	245.4 240.7	204.2 212.1(a)	245.1	230.9	263.6	261.8		
17.	EXPORTS MERCHANDISE, VALUE +	\$ mill.	1,834.3	2,100.2	2,102.4	2,725.6	2,579.2	1964-65 *1965-66	228.9 219.3	177.2 197.4	194.1 221.8	228.0 210.8	221.0 237.1	223.7 216.0	215.0 209.0	201.1 209.4(a)	227.9	215.2	221.8	225.3		
18.	EXPORTS, VALUE AT CONSTANT PRICES, INDEX 1959-60 = 100		105	120	117	137	*136	1964-65 *1965-66		123 137			140 140			135			143			
19.	EXPORT PRICE INDEX, ALL GROUPS 1959-60 = 100		95	96	101	114	*105	1964-65 *1965-66	110 102	110 102	109 103	109 106	108 107	104 108	102 108	103	101	101	101	*100		
20.	EXPORT PRICE INDEX, ALL GROUPS EXCLUDING WOOL 1959-60 = 100		97	96	97	108	*108	1964-65 *1965-66	109 106	109 107	108 107	109 107	110 106	108 107	107 107	107	107	107	107	*105		
21.	INTERNATIONAL RESERVES (b)	\$ mill.	1,102	1,122	1,252	1,708	1,393	1964-65 *1965-66	1,693 1,335	1,668 1,300	1,675 1,260	1,692 1,263	1,694 1,300	1,649 1,278	1,604 1,290	1,587 1,307	1,490	1,444	1,411	1,393		
EMPLOYMENT (c)																						
22.	EMPLOYMENT, PRIVATE CIVILIAN (d)	'000 persons	2,360	2,334	2,421	2,524	2,645	1964-65 1965-66	2,584 2,693	2,590 2,698	2,606 2,706	2,599 2,713	2,637 2,733	2,646 2,732	2,644 2,729	2,669	2,685	2,688	2,693	2,694		
23.	EMPLOYMENT, GOVERNMENT CIVILIAN	'000 persons	806	831	847	872	893	1964-65 1965-66	884 907	884 909	883 908	883 909	885 914	887 918	893 923	901	903	904	905	906		
24.	EMPLOYMENT, TOTAL CIVILIAN (d)	'000 persons	3,166	3,165	3,268	3,396	3,538	1964-65 1965-66	3,468 3,600	3,474 3,607	3,489 3,614	3,483 3,622	3,522 3,647	3,533 3,650	3,537 3,652	3,570	3,589	3,592	3,598	3,600		
25.	EMPLOYMENT, MALES CIVILIAN (d)	'000	2,282	2,277	2,342	2,428	2,513	1964-65 1965-66	2,473 2,549	2,476 2,553	2,482 2,554	2,469 2,556	2,497 2,570	2,509 2,574	2,517 2,580	2,534	2,543	2,547	2,551	2,551		
26.	EMPLOYMENT, FEMALES CIVILIAN (d)	'000	884	888	926	968	1,025	1964-65 1965-66	995 1,051	999 1,054	1,007 1,060	1,013 1,066	1,025 1,077	1,024 1,075	1,019 1,072	1,036	1,046	1,045	1,047	1,049		
27.	EMPLOYMENT, MANUFACTURING	'000 persons	1,103	1,081	1,129	1,172	1,228	1964-65 1965-66	1,204 1,244	1,208 1,245	1,213 1,244	1,200 1,243	1,222 1,246	1,223 1,241	1,228 1,243	1,243	1,252	1,248	1,245	1,246		
28.	EMPLOYMENT, LARGER PRIVATE FACTORIES	'000 persons	(e)	(e)	(e)	(e)	(e)	1964-65 1965-66	(e) 643	(e) 643	(e) 640	(e) 639	(e) 638	(e) 636	636 636	645 643	650	649	647	646		
29.	EMPLOYMENT, NON-MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES (d)	'000 persons	2,063	2,084	2,139	2,224	2,310	1964-65 1965-66	2,264 2,355	2,266 2,362	2,276 2,370	2,283 2,379	2,300 2,401	2,310 2,408	2,309 2,409	2,327	2,337	2,344	2,353	2,354		
30.	UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFIT, NUMBER ON (f)	'000 persons	23.0	52.3	38.9	25.0	13.3	1964-65 1965-66	17.4 12.1	14.9 11.0	12.6 10.0	11.2 9.6	10.7 10.5	14.3 17.6	15.8 19.5	13.7 17.6	12.0	12.3	12.6	12.7		

(a) Recorded oversea trade excluding Bullion and Specie, December, 1965, January, February, 1966 (\$ million) Imports - 245.1, 247.8, 215.9; Exports - 220.5, 212.6, 214.4. (b) "Gold and Foreign Exchange held by Reserve Bank" was \$1176 million at 29th December, 1965, \$1175 million at 9th February, 1966 and \$1188 million on 9th March, 1966. (c) Figures in Items 22-27 and 29 are subject to revision. (d) Excludes employees in rural industry and in private domestic service. (e) Comparable statistics not available. (f) Last Saturday of month. * Preliminary.

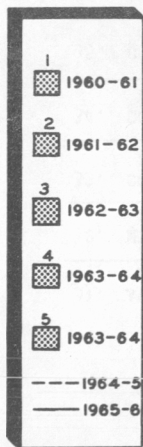
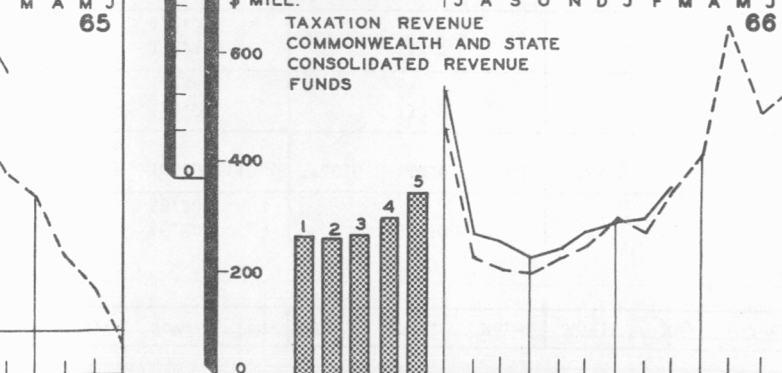
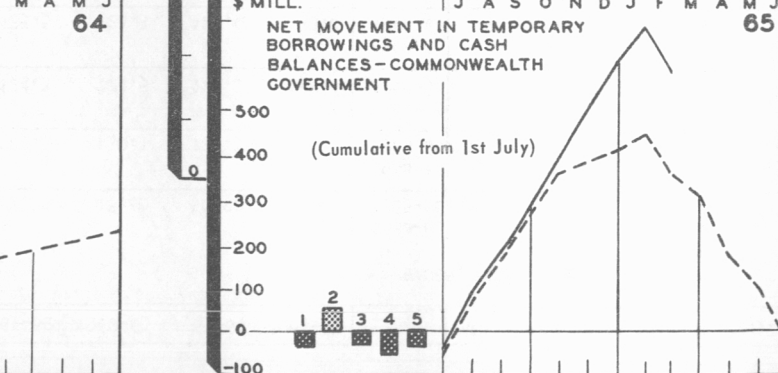
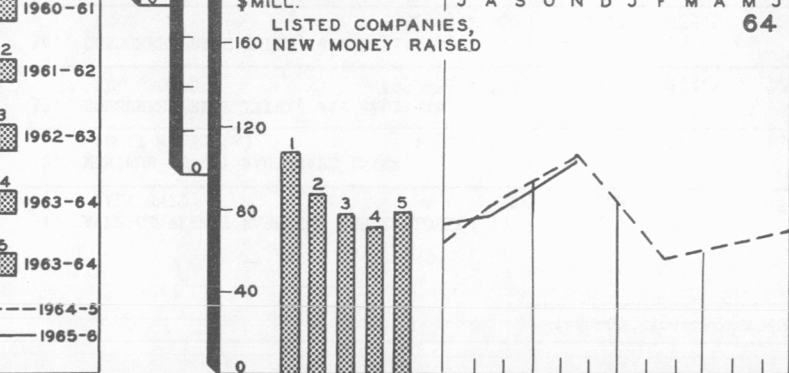
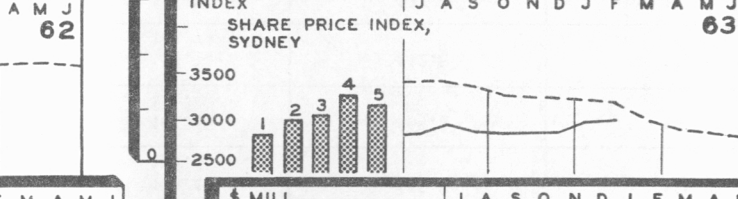
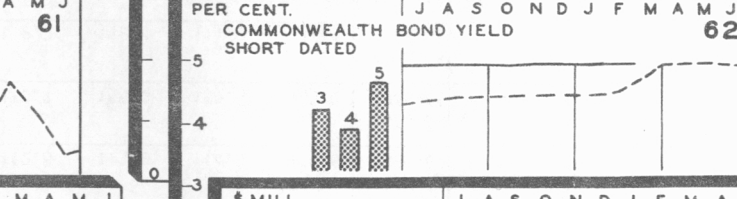
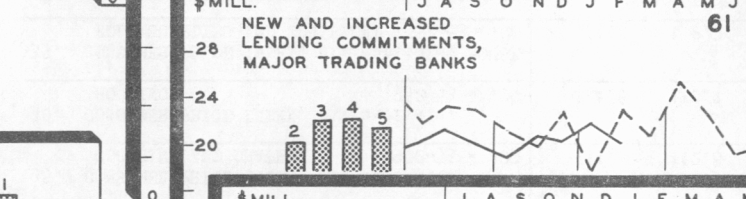
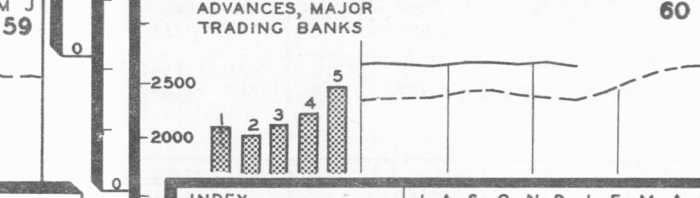
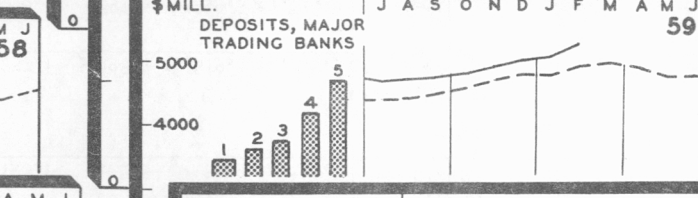
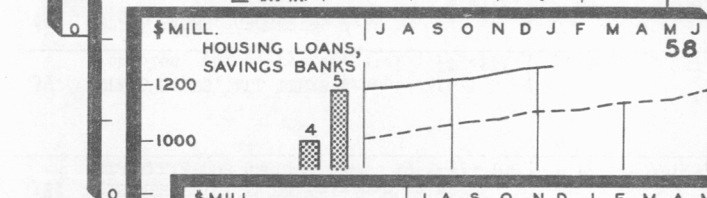
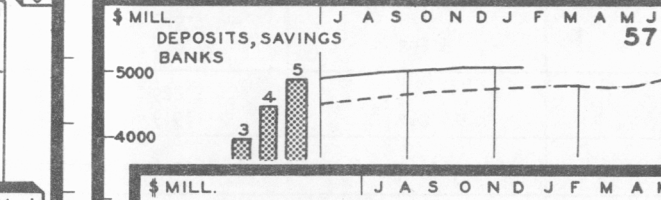
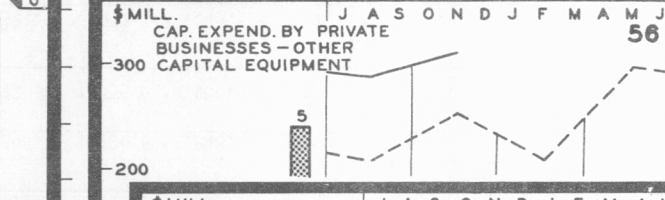
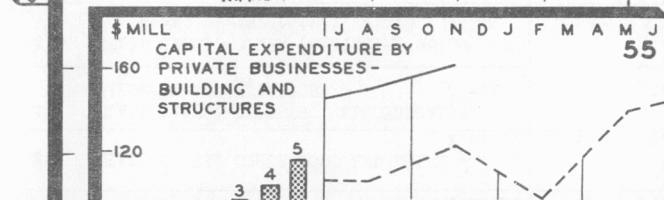
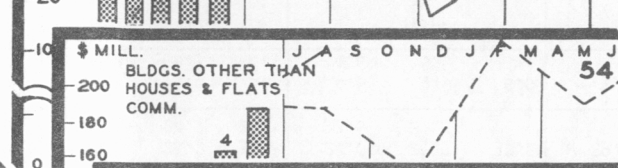
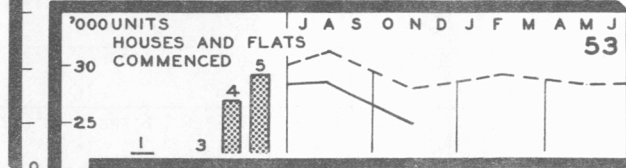
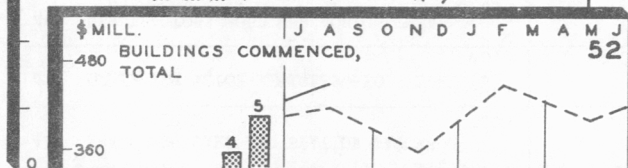
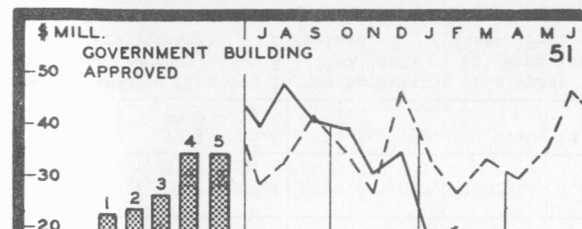
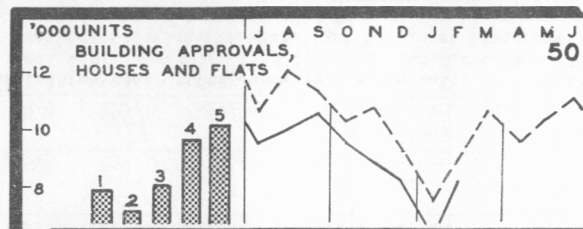
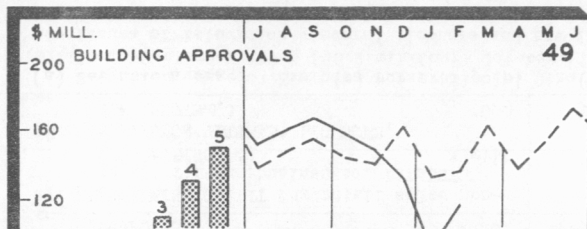
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	1960-61	1961-62	1962-63	1963-64	1964-65		July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	March	April	May	June
WAGES, RETAIL PRICES																		
31. AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS PER EMPLOYED MALE UNIT \$	46.00	47.20	48.40	50.90	54.60	1964-65 1965-66	53.40 56.70			56.80 59.20			52.10			55.80		
32. MINIMUM WEEKLY WAGE RATE INDEX, ADULT MALES (a) 1954 = 100	125.7	129.5	130.1	133.5	140.5	1964-65 1965-66	139.4 143.1	139.5 143.3	139.6 143.5	139.9 143.8	140.0	140.3	140.6	140.6	141.2	141.5	141.6	141.6
33. CONSUMER PRICE INDEX, six capitals, ALL GROUPS 1952-53 = 100	123.8	124.3	124.5	125.7	130.4	1964-65 1965-66		128.5 133.5		130.0 135.2			130.9			132.1		
34. CONSUMER PRICE INDEX, six capitals, FOOD 1952-53 = 100	127.7	125.5	124.3	126.0	133.0	1964-65 1965-66		130.7 139.3		132.1 139.5			133.1			135.9		
35. CONSUMER PRICE INDEX, six capitals, CLOTHING AND DRAPERY 1952-53 = 100	111.6	112.8	113.2	114.0	115.6	1964-65 1965-66		115.0 116.3		115.4 116.6			115.8			116.3		
36. CONSUMER PRICE INDEX, six capitals, HOUSING 1952-53 = 100	144.8	150.7	155.0	159.6	165.0	1964-65 1965-66		163.0 168.6		164.4 171.4			165.3			167.2		
37. CONSUMER PRICE INDEX, six capitals, HOUSEHOLD SUPPLIES AND EQUIPMENT 1952-53 = 100	111.2	112.7	112.4	111.0	111.9	1964-65 1965-66		110.7 113.4		111.3 113.7			112.5			112.9		
38. CONSUMER PRICE INDEX, six capitals, MISCELLANEOUS GROUP 1952-53 = 100	127.3	128.1	128.8	129.9	136.1	1964-65 1965-66		133.1 137.8		136.5 142.7			137.3			137.3		

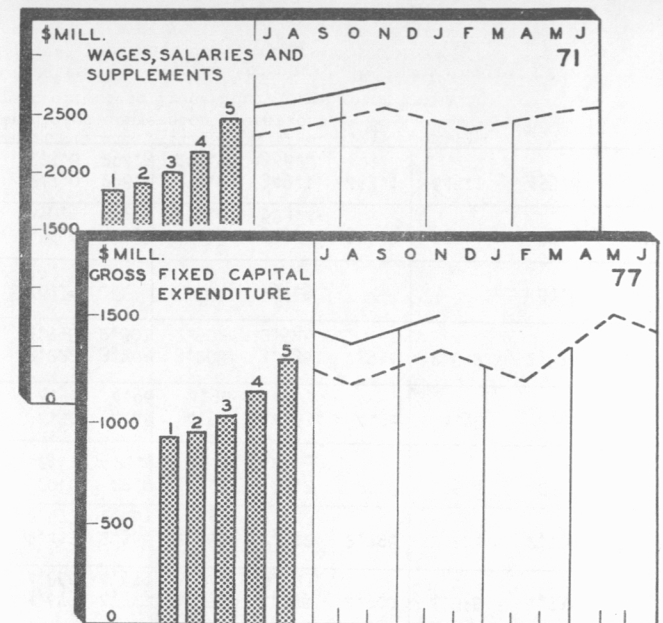
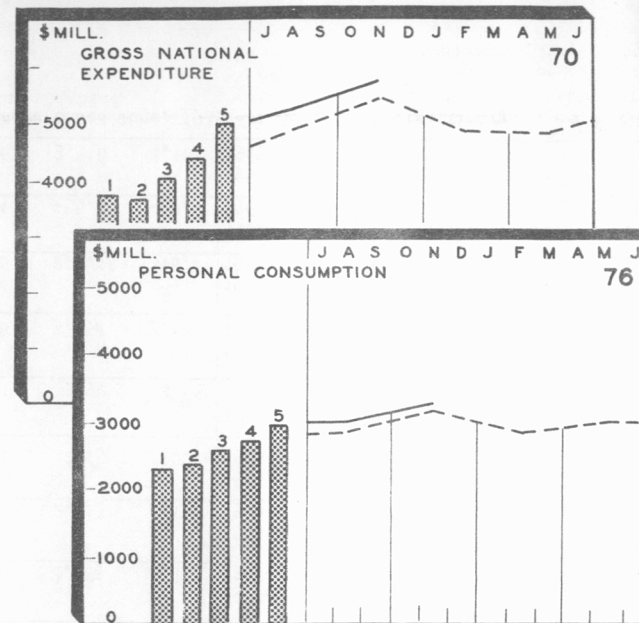
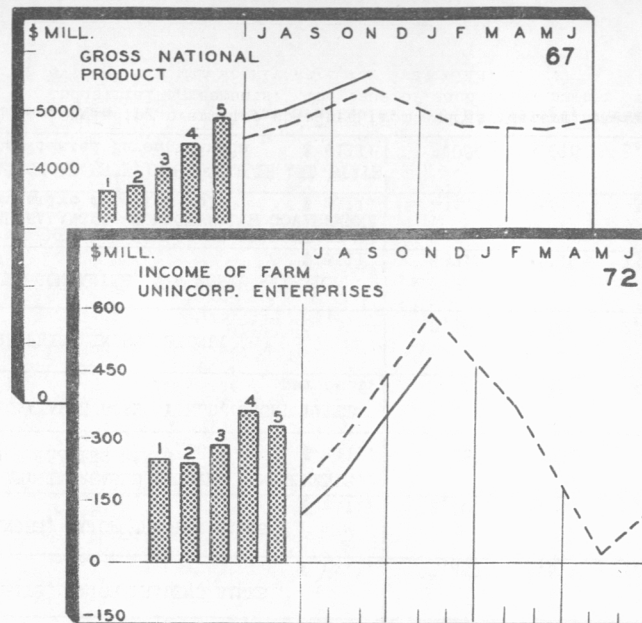
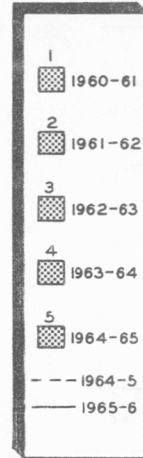
INTERNAL TRADE																		
39. RETAIL SALES, ALL ITEMS except motor vehicles, parts, petrol, etc. /\$ mill.	5,173.3	5,257.1	5,498.7	*5,819.5	*6,247.5	*1964-65 *1965-66	499.2 524.2	487.4 512.8	495.0 522.8	524.6 537.2	527.9 558.4	692.3 729.1	493.9 515.2	463.4	505.2	525.1	527.8	505.7
40. RETAIL SALES, GROCERIES /\$ mill.	833.1	858.3	891.5	*939.3	*1,018.8	*1964-65 *1965-66		246.7 266.5			271.5 +			243.1			257.5	
41. RETAIL SALES, OTHER FOOD AND DRINK /\$ mill.	1,664.9	1,698.1	1,780.8	*1,848.2	*1,981.9	*1964-65 *1965-66		467.9 500.2			524.5 +			497.0			492.5	
42. RETAIL SALES, CLOTHING, ELECTRICAL, HARDWARE AND FURNITURE /\$ mill.	1,788.3	1,778.8	1,855.0	*1,986.5	*2,119.1	*1964-65 *1965-66		505.1 514.9			616.1 622.3			458.5			539.4	
43. RETAIL SALES, OTHER (excluding motor vehicles, parts, petrol, etc.) /\$ mill	887.0	921.9	971.4	*1,045.5	*1,127.7	*1964-65 *1965-66		261.9 278.2			332.7 348.7			263.9			269.2	
44. NEW MOTOR CARS AND STATION WAGONS REGISTERED '000	223.1	215.9	284.9	329.3	347.5	1964-65 1965-66	31.1 30.5	29.7 31.5	28.2 24.2	29.4 22.6	26.2 24.7	30.6 26.1	24.0 20.6	25.7 22.7	32.2	29.6	30.9	29.9
45. OTHER NEW MOTOR VEHICLES REGISTERED (b) '000	59.0	52.1	60.1	70.8	73.5	1964-65 1965-66	7.2 7.1	6.4 8.4	7.2 7.4	7.1 6.3	6.0 6.3	6.1 6.1	4.6 4.6	4.9 5.5	6.0	5.4	6.6	6.0
46. NEW TRACTORS SOLD FOR AGRICULTURAL PURPOSES No.	15,719	15,632	16,741	*21,622	*18,747	*1964-65 *1965-66		5,232 4,003			5,217			3,962			4,357	
47. INSTALMENT CREDIT for retail sales non-retail finance businesses, BALANCES OUTSTANDING (c) \$ mill	803.5	756.3	832.1	939.2	1,050.3	1964-65 1965-66	948.3 1,057.1	958.0 1,069.3	974.5 1,074.5	988.7 1,078.7	1,005.5 1,083.2	1,025.4 1,089.4	1,029.0 *1,085.9	1,028.2 *1,075	1,029.4	1,035.0	1,042.6	1,050.3
48. TELEVISION VIEWERS' LICENCES, NEW ISSUES (d) '000	323.2	288.4	293.1	269.6	(d)292.6	1964-65 1965-66	27.7 27.3	30.7 26.3	32.9 24.6	28.2 20.3	17.7 20.2	16.8 19.1	16.3 17.0	19.8	21.0	(d)22.8	28.8	29.9

(a) Weighted average. Excludes rural. (b) Other new vehicles includes utilities, vans, trucks, etc. (c) At end of month. Amounts financed in new agreements made were: August, 1965 \$62.0 million; September, 1965 \$56.2 million; October, 1965 \$55.1 million; November, 1965 \$59.0 million; December, 1965 \$60.5 million; January, 1966 \$47.1 million. (d) From 1st April, 1965 includes new issues of television viewers' licences and new issues of combined television viewers' and broadcast listeners' licences. * Preliminary. / Revised. / Items 39-43 exclude Northern Territory and Australian Capital Territory. + Items 40 and 41 combined \$ million 853.7.



	1960-61	1961-62	1962-63	1963-64	1964-65		July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	March	April	May	June
BUILDING, ETC.																		
49. BUILDING APPROVALS \$ mill.	1,204.3	1,172.5	1,316.4	1,573.5	1,791.4	1964-65 1965-66	139.8 151.6	147.9 160.5	156.3 166.8	144.3 156.7	140.7 149.4	162.0 130.4	133.8 90.2	136.3 118.5	163.3	139.4	154.5	173.0
50. BUILDING APPROVALS, HOUSES AND FLATS '000 units	93.6	84.8	94.4	116.4	122.8	1964-65 1965-66	10.7 9.6	12.1 10.0	11.4 10.6	10.4 9.5	10.8 8.9	9.2 8.2	7.4 5.9	9.0 8.1	10.7	9.6	10.4	11.1
51. GOVERNMENT BUILDING APPROVED \$ mill.	267.7	281.5	312.0	411.9	411.1	1964-65 1965-66	28.0 39.1	32.2 47.8	41.7 41.4	34.4 39.3	26.4 30.4	46.3 34.3	32.2 16.4	26.4 19.9	32.8	29.6	35.3	46.0
52. BUILDINGS COMMENCED, TOTAL \$ mill.	1,104.0	1,087.7	1,154.9	1,414.7	1,617.4	1964-65 1965-66		416.1 448.9			355.3			445.9			400.1	
53. HOUSES AND FLATS COMMENCED '000 units	88.9	82.5	88.3	107.6	116.7	1964-65 1965-66		31.3 28.7			28.0 *24.9			29.1			28.2	
54. BUILDINGS, OTHER THAN HOUSES AND FLATS, COMMENCED \$ mill.	505.6	527.5	542.9	651.4	754.5	1964-65 1965-66		188.6 223.3			149.0			227.5			189.3	
55. CAPITAL EXPENDITURE BY PRIVATE BUSINESSES Buildings and structures (a) \$ mill.	354.2	338.4	381.4	413.3	465.7	1964-65 1965-66		105.6 149.4	(247.9 anticipated) (317.4 anticipated)*	123.1 161.6			98.2 (239.9 anticipated)			138.8		
56. CAPITAL EXPENDITURE BY PRIVATE BUSINESSES Other Capital Equipment (a) \$ mill.	631.7	652.0	684.2	730.2	972.5	1964-65 1965-66		212.7 286.4	(451.1 anticipated) (568.2 anticipated)*	254.2 310.4			210.6 (491.9 anticipated)			295.0		
FINANCE																		
57. DEPOSITS, SAVINGS BANKS \$ mill.	3,155	3,470	3,940	4,476	4,887	1964-65 1965-66	4,535 4,922	4,597 4,968	4,645 4,994	4,683 5,034	4,704 5,065	4,734 5,066	4,749 5,085	4,783	4,782	4,758	4,786	4,887
58. HOUSING LOANS, SAVINGS BANKS \$ mill.	612	679	794	998	1,185	1964-65 1965-66	1,017 1,198	1,032 1,209	1,051 1,225	1,064 1,235	1,078 1,245	1,099 1,264	1,105 1,268	1,116	1,135	1,145	1,156	1,185
59. DEPOSITS, MAJOR TRADING BANKS \$ mill.	3,457	3,613	3,808	4,185	4,674	1964-65 1965-66	4,389 4,652	4,412 4,678	4,488 4,705	4,551 4,778	4,675 4,866	4,779 4,979	4,750 5,049	4,875 5,223	4,900	4,826	4,736	4,746
60. ADVANCES, MAJOR TRADING BANKS \$ mill.	2,100	2,004	2,121	2,213	2,430	1964-65 1965-66	2,367 2,675	2,359 2,666	2,361 2,652	2,412 2,678	2,417 2,677	2,386 2,661	2,362 2,666	2,342 2,643	2,398	2,524	2,594	2,631
61. NEW AND INCREASED LENDING COMMITMENTS, MAJOR TRADING BANKS \$ mill.	(b)	20.0	22.1	22.5	20.4	1964-65 1965-66	22.3 20.4	23.3 21.5	23.3 20.2	21.3 19.1	20.0 21.1	22.9 20.4	17.6 22.1	23.2 20.3	20.8	25.4	22.7	19.5
62. COMMONWEALTH BOND YIELD, SHORT DATED per cent.	(b)	(b)	4.21	3.92	4.66	1964-65 1965-66	4.43 4.98	4.47 4.98	4.48 4.98	4.48 4.97	4.50 4.98	4.48 4.96	4.50 4.98	4.63 4.99	4.98	4.98	4.98	4.95
63. SHARE PRICE INDEX, SYDNEY (c)	2,787	2,949	2,988	3,254	3,123	1964-65 1965-66	3,378 2,787	3,364 2,874	3,314 2,807	3,238 2,778	3,222 2,798	3,203 2,807	3,208 2,902	3,136 2,945	2,934	2,852	2,836	2,785
64. LISTED COMPANIES, NEW MONEY RAISED \$ mill.	437.8	351.6	334.6	291.1	316.1	1964-65 1965-66		83.6 79.1			107.5 *104.1			57.5			67.5	
65. NET MOVEMENT IN TEMPORARY BORROWINGS AND CASH BALANCES - COMMONWEALTH GOVERNMENT Cumulative from 1st July \$ mill.	-31.6	54.0	-32.1	-55.4	-37.7	1964-65 1965-66	73.3 98.4	163.0 166.5	272.0 283.4	360.4 388.3	386.6 510.5	410.7 612.7	444.4 682.2	349.8 583.4	306.2	170.4	89.0	-37.7
66. TAXATION REVENUE, COMMONWEALTH AND STATE Consolidated Revenue Funds \$ mill.	3,086	3,078	3,146	3,518	4,107	1964-65 1965-66	224.7 266.2	204.4 253.4	198.2 225.1	224.0 241.6	247.0 277.8	298.1 294.3	270.5 291.9	349.1 *356.4	413.1	645.1	495.8	537.3

(a) See notes, page 11. (b) Not available. (c) Average, three years ended June, 1939 = 1,000. * Preliminary. ø Revised.



	1960-61	1961-62	1962-63	1963-64	1964-65		July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	March	April	May	June
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67. GROSS NATIONAL PRODUCT	\$ mill.	14,601	14,929	16,190	17,912	19,544	1964-65	4,757			5,378		4,721				4,688	
							1965-66	5,039			5,624							
68. <u>plus</u> IMPORTS OF GOODS AND SERVICES	\$ mill.	2,578	2,180	2,588	2,837	3,439	1964-65	823			842		862				912	
							1965-66	979			916							
69. <u>less</u> EXPORTS OF GOODS AND SERVICES	\$ mill.	2,137	2,430	2,444	3,108	2,998	1964-65	700			779		743				776	
							1965-66	744			777							
70. GROSS NATIONAL EXPENDITURE	\$ mill.	15,042	14,679	16,334	17,641	19,985	1964-65	4,880			5,441		4,840				4,824	
							1965-66	5,274			5,763							
71. WAGES, SALARIES AND SUPPLEMENTS	\$ mill.	7,420	7,639	8,064	8,795	9,821	1964-65	2,369			2,562		2,363				2,527	
							1965-66	2,610			2,770							
72. INCOME OF FARM UNINCORPORATED ENTERPRISES	\$ mill.	987	926	1,106	1,424	1,281	1964-65	302			589		367				23	
							1965-66	203			486							
73. OTHER PERSONAL INCOME	\$ mill.	3,003	3,232	3,421	3,807	4,127	1964-65	946			1,117		918				1,146	
							1965-66	1,020			1,152							
74. <u>less</u> INCOME TAX PAYABLE and estate and gift duties	\$ mill.	1,109	1,099	1,210	1,409	1,653	1964-65	393			478		389				393	
							1965-66	417			502							
75. PERSONAL DISPOSABLE INCOME	\$ mill.	10,301	10,698	11,381	12,617	13,576	1964-65	3,224			3,790		3,259				3,303	
							1965-66	3,416			3,906							
76. PERSONAL CONSUMPTION	\$ mill.	9,282	9,576	10,248	11,002	11,834	1964-65	2,846			3,136		2,841				3,010	
							1965-66	3,019			3,279							
77. GROSS FIXED CAPITAL EXPENDITURE	\$ mill.	3,586	3,632	3,934	4,361	5,029	1964-65	1,137			1,285		1,155				1,453	
							1965-66	1,321			1,444							

EXPLANATORY NOTES

For further details of these items see publications listed on page 12.

Item	Publication Reference No. (Page 12)	Item	Publication Reference No. (Page 12)
1.	19	33-38. Consumer Price Index : New index first published 12th August, 1960. For particulars of composition and weighting see Labour Report No. 50, 1962 and 1963.	5
2. Total generated, including electricity not for sale.	19		
3. Total produced in gas works.	19	39-43. Figures relate to retail sales of goods (as distinct from service repairs, accommodation, entertainment, meals, etc.) by establishments which normally sell goods by retail to the general public from shops, rooms, kiosks and yards. Excludes Northern Territory and Australian Capital Territory.	8
4. Includes recovery from scrap. Annual figures year ended May.	19		
5. Portland cement.	19, 25	44-45. Registrations recorded by the registration authorities. Includes all government-owned vehicles other than Defence Services. ..	26, 27
6. Includes monoconstruction but excludes assembled chassis imported as such.	19, 21	46. Excludes tractors of less than 10 maximum belt pulley horsepower (wheeled) and 10 maximum draw-bar horsepower (crawler) e.g. small garden tractors.	7
7. Includes those made and incorporated by manufacturers in their own products.	19, 20	47. Figures relate to balances outstanding (including hiring charges and insurance) at end of period in respect of retail sales made by finance businesses which are not themselves retailers. Amounts financed - new agreements made exclude hiring charges, insurance and retailers' subsidiaries. ..	28
8. Includes mixtures predominantly of cotton.	19, 22	48. From 1st April, 1965, figures include new issues of television viewers' licences and new issues of combined television viewers' and broadcast listeners' licences.	16
9. Includes mixtures predominantly of wool.	19, 23	49-50. Building permits issued by local government authorities and contracts let, work commenced and day labour projects authorized by government authorities. Number of houses and flats relate to individual living units.	11
10. Includes sandals and moulded plastic footwear but not slippers, sandshoes, goloshes or rubber gum boots.	19, 24	51. Contracts let, work commenced and day labour projects authorized by government authorities for their own use, the use of their employees, rental or sale.	11
11. In terms of fresh meat (carcass weight). Total production including estimates for meat produced from animals slaughtered on farms.	15	52. Estimated value of buildings on completion, excluding land.	3
12.	12	53. Excludes conversions to flats.	3, 4
13. Source: National Council of Wool Selling Brokers of Australia. Bales received into selling brokers' stores for disposal, excluding quantities received for re-sale.	-	54. See 52 above.	3
14. The value of wool sold at auction and privately by wool selling brokers, including wool carried over and sold and also wool resold.	-	55-56. Statistics are from returns showing actual expenditure for each quarter and anticipated expenditure for next half-year, obtained from private businesses subject to Pay-roll Tax (other than rural, professional, gas and electricity), from government banks and airlines, and from other businesses undertaking projects of more than \$500,000 in any half year. Figures with slightly different coverage are available for years 1953-54 to 1956-57 inclusive. ..	2
15. Average price which a N.S.W. clip of constant average quality would realize if sold at the level of prices obtaining in the specified month. Annual prices are averages of monthly prices weighted by quantity of greasy wool sold in month in N.S.W. They are not therefore average auction prices for the year.	17	57. Deposits at end of period - all savings banks. ..	29, 30
16-17. "Merchandise" trade - re-defined in accordance with international standards recommended by United Nations. See Preface and Explanatory Notes, Monthly Bulletin of Oversea Trade Statistics.	18	58. Housing loans outstanding at end of period, all savings banks.	29, 30
18. Calculated by revaluing quantities at average unit values for 1955-56.	1	59-60. Monthly and annual averages of weekly figures of the Major Trading Banks, (the Commonwealth Trading Bank and the seven private trading banks).	9, 10
19-20		61. For annual figures, average for 52 weeks ending second Wednesday in July; for monthly figures, weekly average for period ending second Wednesday of month. The series comprises new and increased lending commitments for both overdrafts and term loans entered into by major trading banks (commitments in respect of temporary loans to woolbuyers are excluded). Source: Reserve Bank of Australia.	-
21. Net Gold and Foreign Exchange Holdings (Official and Banking Institutions). Source: Reserve Bank of Australia. Annual and December figures as at end of period, other figures last Wednesday of month.	14	62. Theoretical 2 year securities. Average for the week is centred on the last Wednesday of the month. Income subject to Commonwealth Taxation less rebate of 10 cents per dollar. Source: Reserve Bank of Australia.	16
22, 24-26. Excludes permanent defence forces in Australia or overseas. Based on returns of Government employment, Pay-roll Tax returns and other direct collections.	13	63. Average of monthly prices per \$2 of paid-up capital, 75 companies, adjusted for changes in capital structure. As published by Deputy Commonwealth Statistician, Sydney.	16, 17
23. Includes all government employees in Australia (Commonwealth, State, Local and Semi-Governmental) employed on services such as railways, post office, etc., as well as administrative employees.	13	64. Companies listed on Australian stock exchanges. New Money Raised is the net amount of cash transferred from the investing public to the issuing companies through the issues of shares, debentures, notes and similar securities and the acceptance of deposits. The investing public includes banks and life insurance companies (except when subscribing to issues by associated companies) and government and private superannuation funds, but excludes other government agencies.	6
27.	13	65. Changes in bank balances, holdings of treasury bills and treasury notes, cash transactions only, excludes associated conversion operations.	16
28. Survey conducted jointly with Department of Labour and National Service.	13	66. Excludes taxation collections paid direct to Trust Fund, e.g. motor taxes.	-
29. See 22 above.	13	67-77. For references to concepts see "Australian National Accounts, National Income and Expenditure, 1948-49 to 1963-64" published June, 1965.	32
30. Excludes persons receiving sickness or special benefits and persons receiving the special benefits paid to migrants in reception and training centres.	13		
31. Male units represent total male employment and a proportion of female employment based on the approximate ratio of female to male earnings.	31		
32. Based on averages of minimum wage rates for a full week's work (excluding overtime) obtained from awards, determinations and industrial agreements. The base of each index number is the weighted average minimum weekly wage for Australia.	31		

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